



TKA MASCOT PROGRAM INFO AND POLICIES 2024-2025

Our Knights Mascot team will serve an important public relations role for our school and will appear at games, school events, and in social media. The Knights Mascot Program will include two primary positions, and a team of students will be needed to rotate to fill the mascot schedule during the school year. For training and athletic event appearances, the mascot team will work in coordination with the Knights cheer program under the direction of the Varsity Head Coach and with advice from our Mascot Team Consultant.

TEAM ROLES

Mascot: Team performers who wear the school mascot costume. This role includes performing in front of crowds at scheduled games and other special events, practicing with the cheer squad at coaches' determination, caring for the costume, and other duties as assigned. Team members who wear the costume should be between 5'9" - 6'0" tall, be in good physical condition and able to perform skits, routines and stunts as determined by the cheer coach. The costume is a state-of-the-art garment that is equipped with a fan system and cooling vest, but students should be aware that due to weather conditions and other factors, temperatures inside the costume can be warm.

Mascot Handler: Team members who will be in attendance with the mascot any time he/she is performing. This includes assisting the performer with the costume, caring for the costume, serving as public relations manager on behalf of the mascot (who does not speak), helping the mascot navigate his/her surroundings, maintaining crowd control around the mascot, ensuring breaks for the performer, and other duties as assigned.

TKA enrolled students must be in grades 9-12 for the upcoming school year in order to participate. Team members will be eligible to letter in athletics as part of this program.

TRYOUTS

Tryouts for new members will include an interview, as well as a brief skit/routine prompt for those wearing the costume.

PARTICIPATION FEES: \$375/semester

These fees include team shirts, training, Knights athletic fees, insurance, athletic letter, team photos, team banquet, costume/props maintenance and more.

When selected for the team, please register on TeamSnap at

Parents will be able to set up a payment plan using TeamSnap. All registrants may either pay in full via ACH or Credit Card or make payments using a credit card. The payment plan will require a deposit followed by a set number of payments. Your credit card will be automatically charged the same day each month until all installments are completed.

Photos are included in your registration fee. Each athlete will have an individual and team photo taken and will be provided with 1 5x7 individual photo, 1 5x7 team photo, and a digital image of the athlete. Each team's committee will have access to the digital images to use for the year end banquet, awards and any other needs.

SPORTS PHYSICALS & FORMS

Students must have a current physical form on file in the Athletic Department prior to participating in tryouts, practice, voluntary workout, or game that indicates that the student is physically approved for participation.

Participants must turn in the following forms to the Athletic Department prior to participating (all forms can be found at thekingsacademy.org/athletics/forms):

Submit Annually

- Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation form (current and signed by a physician; not a camp physical form). Physicals after 4/1/23 will be good for the following school year.

ATTENTION: NEW FORMS FOR HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES:

- HS: GIAA Student/Parent Concussion Awareness Form
- HS: GIAA Student/Parent Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Form
- HS: GIAA Student/Parent Heat Illness Awareness Form

Submit One Time

- High School Affidavit of Eligibility (New HS athletes 9-12th)
- Birth Certificate (New athletes only)

ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCES

The mascot and handlers will make appearances throughout the year, and the calendar will be laid out in advance as much as we are able. With several members on the team, we hope to work out a shared schedule that allows everyone to participate and cover events throughout the year. Please know that this is a real commitment, and once the mascot appearances are set, members are expected to serve as scheduled.

Excused Absences: Severe illness or family emergencies are considered excused absences. In these instances, the team member must contact the coach to be excused. Church activities, family vacations and other outside activities that conflict with scheduled practices, games or appearances are considered unexcused. Team members must communicate with the coach to arrange a schedule swap with another team member in these instances.

DUAL SPORTS

If a student-athlete participates in multiple sports, he/she should notify the coaches of their planned participation as soon as possible so that scheduling considerations can be addressed.

TEAM CONTACT INFORMATION

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